

" 'Twas But a Josh."

To the Editor of the MOHAVE COUNTY MINER, Kingman, Ariz: I infer from the tone of the article in your valuable paper which I found on my desk on my return from the east that its editor is inclined to take my letter to the Columbus Post quite seriously, and, judging from the verses he emits, I take it he is not as willing to accord to me the same privilege of "A Josh" as he does to the writer of the verses of twenty years ago, which I enclosed to the Post.

Mark Twain once said that the reason he quit delivering lectures was because his audiences were unable to distinguish his "irony" from his "real earnest," and I see in appearing before the public either in prose or verse I am likely to encounter the same difficulty.

So, Mr. MOHAVE COUNTY MINER, let's make up, and when I see you again I will take a drink of alkali water with you, and you may call on me any time you wish and I will do anything I can in the interest of Arizona. I will label the enclosed lines "A Josh," and quietly retire from the stage.

Yours Truly,
A. P. MAGINNIS.

A JOSH.

After Kipling's "Tomlinson of Berkley Square."

There stood at the gate by the Golden Dome,
Where Peter dangles the keys,
A asked and tattered and shivering soul
From a clime of the red hot breeze,
He knocked, as he said with an icy stare,
"Good Master, let me in;
I came from the land of the 'prickly pear,'
Where to take a cool drink is a sin..."
Peter opened the gate, to the musical chime
Of the bells and the harp so sweet,
And said to the soul from the sizzling clime,
"Walk in to the Golden street"
But the soul, he stood in dire distress
As he spit out a frozen man,
"I'm in the wrong place, dear sir; I guess
This must be the frigid zone..."
Then Peter, astonished, exclaimed in wrath:
"From whence did ye come that ye call this
cool?
Get hence—haste, quick to the broadened path,
Where the doom'd slide down to the molten
pool..."
"Stay, stay," he cried; "be not so fast.
I'm a poet from the land where the sun's
rays scorch,
And the heat of the day is not surpassed
By any old furnace, or hot resort..."
Peter smiled, as he grabbed him by the hair
And shot him forth among the stars,
Where he met with a shudder the cold night
air,
As he twisted and scraped through the Gold-
en Bars.
Like a rock, he fell from world to world,
And bounded about through the milky way
Like a rock, from the ancient catapult hurled,
'Til he landed at last where he thought he
could stay.
But the Devil he gated, with a scornful leer,
As he opened wide the coal black gate,
Then he twisted his tail, gave a terrible sneer,
As he hurried th' soul on a white-hot grate.
This shivering, gibbering, frozen soul,
Gave a joyous bound, so warm to be,
Saying, "I'm from Kingman, and this is my
goal."
And he chattered his teeth in childish glee.
The Devil he smote on his manly breast,
As he uttered a low swora oath—
"From whence came ye, that ye sit in glee
And scoff at my heat," he quoth.
"I came from a land where the sun doth shine,
And the heat is four hundred and ten,
Where the poisoned waters and alkali
Are the joy of the soas of men..."
The devil he snatched the white hot soul
From a blubbering vat of slag,
And said, "do you mean, you yammering fool,
Of the heat of your home to brag?"
"My home," said the soul from the sunny west,
As he coughed up a glittering spark,
"Is warmer by far (you may do your best)
Than yur second han' Outer Dark..."
The Devil he tossed his haughty hors,
As he wagged his forked tail,
And he cried, "get back to your land of thorns,
To your reeking, sizzling, dale!,"
Then this poet he slid from the scorching grid,
And he flew from the burning lake,
And he hastened with scorn as Lucifer bid
To the land of the rattlesnake.
And now in the Kingman press each week,
On his meterless lines we dwell,
And he never fails in scorn to speak
Of the frigid climate of Hel.

"The Coconino Sun" was in a total eclipse yesterday morning when Mrs. C. M. Funston presented her husband with a newer, prettier, brighter and noisier son than the Coconino Sun ever was during its existence. The new son makes the want column rather prominent, but Mrs. Funston meets the demands of the little fellow promptly. Mr. Funston is going around town boasting about what he and his son are going to do, but he is excusable, as this is the first boy out of five children. If the Coconino Sun fails to shine this week the public will know the reason.—Flagstaff Gem.

Bismark's Iron Nerve

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Big Sale Consummated.

In our last issue the statement that a number of important mining transactions were pending, the facts of which could not be published at that time, and that so soon as they were consummated the public would be advised, was made and the statement has been proved true by the final transfer of the famous Cecil and Climax mines, owned by the Dimmick brothers, of Pinos Altos, to prominent capitalists from Indiana and Illinois, the sale and transfer having been perfected since our last issue.

A little more than nine years ago the Dimmick brothers, who were engaged in ranching and cattle business a few miles from Pinos Altos, discovered the above mentioned mines, in an accidental way, while engaged in their usual business. Upon thorough examination the mine proved to be the greatest deposit of almost pure silver that has been discovered in the west, not excepting the celebrated Mollie Gibson. In 1897, the Dimmick brothers had a specimen taken from their mines on exhibition at the World's fair at Chicago, and those persons interested in mines who saw this specimen could hardly believe their own eyes. The discoverer of the mine did not desire to sell it, but preferred to mine it in a small way, themselves, which they have done since the discovery of the property. But recently they decided to endeavor to place the property, and bonded it for 250,000\$. The party here who had charge of the sale sent a piece about six by eight by six inches east, which when melted produced over 45 \$ in silver. This specimen was taken from near the surface of the mine but development work to a depth of 200 feet vertically shows a continuous body of ore to the bottom of the shaft of almost the same richness. Capital at once became interested and the negotiations resulted in the sale of the property for the above amount was immediately commended by the recent purchasers. Prominent mining experts of Colorado were sent to examine and report on the property the mines proving to be even better than represented. Not over two months has been consumed in the whole transaction.

The price paid for the property is considered exceedingly reasonable and the purchasers are certainly fortunate to get the property at so reasonable a figure. Immediate development and working will be commenced by the new owners. Drifts have already been run at the 100 foot and 200 foot levels, showing the ore body to continue laterally as far as opened and to be of the same fine character and richness. While working these mines on a small scale the Dimmick brothers melted a great deal of the ore, with a small amount of lead, in a cupelling furnace and the lead being volatilized the silver was taken out in planchas which were 980 and 990 fine. This gives an idea of the great richness of the mine, when it is also considered that an immense body of such ore is already in sight and all indications are that the deposits excel in magnitude any heretofore discovered. The new purchasers will operate the mines on a large scale, the lumber for all necessary buildings and the machinery for the mines having already been ordered and work will begin within the next few weeks. There is no doubt that these mines, as development and work progresses, will meet the most sanguine expectations of the owners, and will prove to be about the biggest mining proposition in the southwest.—Silver City Independent.

No Right to Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at Watkins' drug store.

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A Big Transaction.

At Tucson Saturday, according to the Star, James B. Seager and wife transferred the Helvetia group of mines to the Helvetia Mining Company, the two deeds transferring the property, one for 4,499,000\$ and the other for 1,000\$, had 5,000\$ worth of revenue stamps attached to them, a substantial contribution towards defraying Uncle Sam's war expenses.

Mr. Seager is one of the principal stockholders in the Helvetia mining company, and there will be no change in the management of the property.

The Helvetia group was purchased from Edward Hughes, Phil. McGovern and Charles Lavery, and originally comprised twenty-seven claims, but adjacent copper land has been secured until the company now own 8,000 acres of land, nearly all of which contains good copper ore.

The development of the property is being carried on as fast as men and money can do it. On or about Nov. 1st the big smelter will be completed, and then then the present force of about 300 men will be largely increased.

A London dispatch of October 4th says: The sensational news from South Africa this morning is the reiteration of yesterday's report of the acquisition by the Transvaal authorities of 500,000£ in gold which was on the way to Capetown from Johannesburg. Confirmation comes from two sources. The Cape Argus asserts the Boers made the seizure at Vereeniging, the amount being the week's shipment of gold on the way from Rand to Capetown and forwarded the treasure to Pretoria. The report is also confirmed by a cablegram received today by a mining company in London from their representative which is to the effect that the train upon which he was travelling from Johannesburg to Capetown was held up and looted by the Boers who secured £300,000 in gold, this amount being considerably less than the original estimate. There is nothing tangible in today's war news, but the situation remains as strained as ever.

An exchange says the editor of an El Paso, Texas, paper picked up his rifle one day recently and started down the path to have the gunsmith repair it. The delinquent subscribers, however got it into their heads that he was on the warpath, and everyone he met insisted on paying him what they owed him. One wiped out a debt of ten years' standing. On his return to the office he found a load of hay, fifteen bushels of Mustang grapes, a load of wood and a barrel of turnips that had been brought in by delinquents.

A party of eastern capitalists today secured an option on five good mining claims in the Cochiti district. The option will not expire until the 21st day of December, and if the mines prove satisfactory to the parties they will purchase them for 46,000. The claims are quite well and favorably known to the mining experts of the southwest. They are the Good Hope, Hopewell, Posey, Black Girl and Allerton, and are located in Pino canyon in the original town of Bland.

Henry Strawbell and Joe Burke have struck nice ore in the big broncho running from Todd Basin into the Layne Springs canyon. The ore carries a good per cent of copper, besides gold and silver.

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Part Owner's Notice.

KINGMAN, ARIZONA, Oct. 5th, 1899.
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
I J. H. West, part owner in the following named mining claims—the Treadwell, Treadwell Fraction, 39th Parallel, Irving, Eleanor, Combs and Harold—all situated in San Francisco mining district, Mohave County and Territory of Arizona— hereby give notice that the interest I hold in said claims will not be in any manner responsible for any debts contracted for the working or developing of said claims. No will I be personally responsible for any work done on said mining claims by F. L. Smith or Geo. Koster, or either of them, or any person for them. H. J. WEST.
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of mining camps, hoisting works, mills, mountain and canyon scenery, etc.

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